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Sao Luiz, Maranhao 17 September 1947

Luiz Carlos Prestes P.O. Box 932 Rio de Janeiro

Dear Comrade:

The purpose of this letter is to inquire after your health and to learn whether you have received the letter which I sent you by a friend aboard the steamer Itaimbe, by which I traveled from Rio to Sao Luiz, my present address. During my visit there I tried in every way to contact you, but it was impossible to do so because I arrived at that difficult time when our party was regarded as identical to the Communist Party of Brazil. At the moment everything is fine. I had a good trip, am enjoying good health, and continue to fight for a better Brazil. I have just been chosen, along with William Correia Lima and others, for State Secretary-General of the Partido Popular Progressists. Although I do not know whether this was the right choice, I shall do all in my power to fulfill the duties of my part as a true revolutionist, exactly following the line of our party, which we hope will lead us to the Municipal Elections. When you write to comrade Maria Jose Aragao, kindly give her better information about me, as I did not bring credentials from Rio, in spite of the fact that they all knew me and my past history. When I departed Rio for Belo Horizonte, I carried my credentials, but did not bring them with me on my return because I had expected to receive them in Rio. This, however, I was unable to do. Certain that we will successfully complete our undertaking, I remain

Fraternally yours, (signed) Benedito lesketh

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